

Reasons for Allowance

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 12/15/2010 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of 7,183,076 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Double Patenting

The rejection of claims 64-70 and 73-77 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 45-82 of US Patent No. 7,183,076 is WITHDRAWN in view of the terminal disclaimer filed 12/15/2010.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anne Holleran, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0833. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Misook Yu, can be reached on (571) 272-0839. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform to the notice published in the Official

Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The Official Fax number for Group 1600 is (571) 273-8300.

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